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To Whom It May Concern:

At Roaring Fork School District, the digital divide is an issue that is constantly evolving but has typically been split between the ability to acquire an Internet ready device and pay for the Internet service on which that device relies. Over the past few years we have seen the cost of devices decrease dramatically, but unfortunately, the cost of Internet service remains a barrier.

Using available bandwidth, already paid for by a school district, during off peak school hours makes sense. This resource typically sits idle while we continue to look for creative and innovative ways to help connect our families that need it the most. This solution makes sense.

As school districts find creative ways to address device acquisition and access to equipment, connectivity is the last key component to making sure all students have equal access to extending the classroom beyond the walls of the school.

Sincerely,



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